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COMMUNICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

Sir:

On December 18, 2003 a Notice of Allowance was entered in the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully ask to consider the following remarks and Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 (a). Applicants file this Amendment before the payment of issue fee date, which is March 18, 2004.

It is believed that no extension of time is required. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our deposit account No. 23-1951.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.